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PRINTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION
WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING
31 May 1984 - 06 June 1984

I. Items or Events of Major Interest that Have Occurred
During the Preceding Week

A. World Factbook Printing: Several P&PD Printing Branches are in the final stages of completing work on the 1984 unclassified version of the World Factbook. By most printing job standards, this book is considered to be a major printing production requiring over 17,000 copies comprised of approximately 220 pages and 14 full color reference maps. The World Factbook has been in the printing production cycle for almost four months. Completion is planned for two weeks.

B. Mini-Edit System Failure: On Friday morning, during the daily backup of the Mini-Edit System, both the primary and secondary disk packs were damaged due to an unknown cause (faulty disk controller is the leading guess). Efforts were made to recover the data all day Friday with no success. Atex (the systems vendor) was called to assist, but they said the disks were unsalvageable and a new disk would have to be created from scratch. Because of the tremendous amount of PDB archive data (one year) and several current NIE's on the damaged packs that might be lost, a concerted effort was undertaken to save the databases. By late Saturday night, a new Mini-Edit disk had been created from scratch; and by trial and error a method (unknown to Atex) was found to pull the data from the damaged disk. Over 8,000 files, 400 queues, and 40,000 data blocks of data were recovered and moved to a new disk pack.

C. Copier Activities: On 30 May, Copier Management Program (CMP) representatives attended an Information Resources Administration Council (IRAC) meeting on copier/duplicator technology at the Kodak site in Rosslyn. A presentation was given on electronic copying technology and trends for the evolution of copiers into document processing systems. These systems scan images to digital signals and store the signal in magnetics. They will interface with other technologies, such as

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word processors and computers. Although this technology is not presently available commercially, or tempest tested, it is anticipated the future of copying will go in this direction and that there will be applications in the Agency.

D. Micrographic Application: A survey of files belonging to OS/TSD was conducted at the request of the Agency Micrographics Officer. Security's immediate request is to convert 16 cubic feet of files to microfiche. A sample file is in P&PD for testing. The ability to maintain document readability is the remaining factor for approving this application for production. Many offices moving to outlying buildings are experiencing new problems in storage. In this case, the problem is aggravated by a shortage of secure storage containers such as safes.

E. P&PD/OL NPIC Joint Staff Study: An information copy of the concept paper for the OTS joint study of the respective production facilities and capabilities was sent to NPIC for their review. As soon as the NPIC team is ready, a joint meeting between their team [redacted] and P&PD's team [redacted] will be held to develop a concept for a joint study by P&PD and NPIC to review production operations at each facility.

F. Presidential Visit: During the Presidential visit, Photography Branch had several Photographers covering activities. There were numerous exposures made, of which approximately 170 were selected as a proof set. There are nine formal requests for proof sets from both White House and Agency personnel. In addition, a video tape of the Presidential Address was produced for Agency employees who were not able to attend the ceremony. Arrangements for a Headquarter's premier have not yet been finalized.

II. Significant Events Anticipated During the Coming Week

A. American Newspaper Publishers Association (ANPA): [redacted] will be attending the ANPA show in Atlanta Georgia from June 10-13. Many vendors announce new products and capabilities at this show, and we will be looking at some of the new technologies very closely.

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